# Introduction to the State Medical Board of Ohio

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# Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the health and safety of the public through effective medical regulation.

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# Statutes

- Laws enacted by Ohio legislature
- Ohio Revised Code (ORC)

# Rules

- Regulations developed and enacted by Medical Board
- Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)
- Rules clarify & amplify provisions in the Ohio Revised Code

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# The Board

12 members appointed by the governor to 5-year terms:

- 9 doctors: 7 MDs, 1 DO, and 1 DPM
- 3 consumer members

The board meets the second Wednesday of each month in the Rhodes Tower in downtown Columbus.

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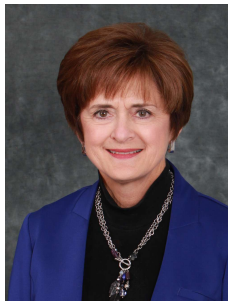
# Medical Board Members



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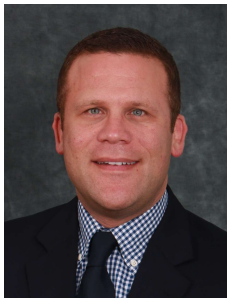
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# License Types

The Medical Board regulates more than 107,000 licensees.

Data reported from FY26 Annual Report.

| License Types | Number of Licensees |
|---|---|
| Allopathic Physicians | 50,664 |
| Osteopathic Physicians | 9,837 |
| Podiatric Physicians | 982 |
| Training Certificates MD-DO-DPM | 10,030 |
| Anesthesiologist Assistants | 501 |
| Physician Assistants | 7,233 |
| Radiologist Assistants | 22 |
| Genetic Counselors | 718 |
| Massage Therapists | 11,344 |
| Dietitians | 6,084 |
| Acupuncturists | 306 |
| Respiratory Care Professionals | 9,266 |

# DPM Licenses

| Total Active Licenses | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| License Type | 6/30/26 | 6/30/25 | 6/30/24 | 6/30/23 | 6/30/22 |
| Podiatric Physician | 982 | 988 | 992 | 992 | 988 |

| Total Licenses Issued | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| License Type | 6/30/26 | 6/30/25 | 6/30/24 | 6/30/23 | 6/30/22 |
| Podiatric Physician | 37 | 48 | 44 | 42 | 43 |

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# Renewal Schedule

| First initial of licensee's last name | Licensure expiration date | CME cycle |
|---|---|---|
| A-B | July 1 – odd years | 7/1/2027 |
| C-D | April 1 – odd years | 4/1/2027 |
| E-F-G | January 1 – odd years | 1/1/2027 |
| H-I-J-K | October 1 – even years | 10/1/2028 |
| L-M | July 1 – even years | 7/1/2028 |
| N-O-P-Q-R | April 1 – even years | 4/1/2028 |
| S | January 1 – even years | 1/1/2028 |
| T-U-V-W-X-Y-Z | October 1 – odd years | 10/1/2027 |

# Updates to Application and Renewals

Changes include:

- Streamlined questions
- Greater consistency between each application type
- New questions that prompt physicians to provide additional information if they provide an affirmative response
- A question about the percentage of practice that is telehealth
- A question that asks about the agreements with physician assistants and nurse practitioners. This includes a requirement to upload a list of providers and information about their practice location.

**NOTE: There is an exception for agreements within a hospital setting**.

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# Impairment

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Inability to practice according to acceptable standards of care by reason of mental illness, mental disorder, or physical illness, including but not limited to physical deterioration that adversely affects cognitive, motor, or perceptive skills. Impairment includes the inability to practice in accordance with such standards without appropriate treatment, monitoring, or supervision.

# Confidential Monitoring Program

The Confidential Monitoring Program provides a path for Medical Board licensees to confidentially receive treatment and support in a non-disciplinary program. The Confidential Monitoring Program is available to all licensees and applicants of the State Medical Board of Ohio who may have issues impacting their health and well-being.  This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders
- Physical conditions
- Other potentially impairing illnesses

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# Ohio Professionals Health Program

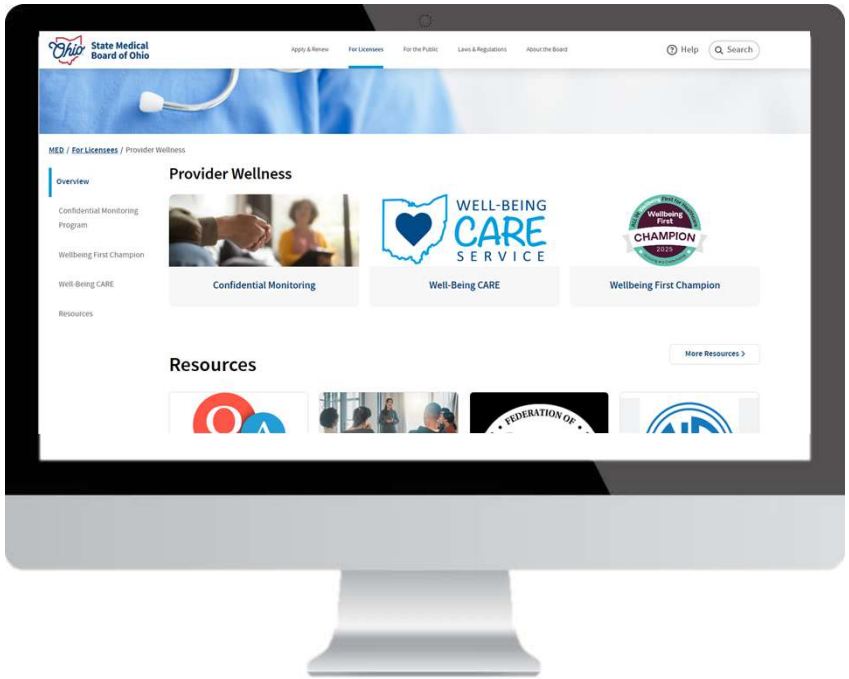
Ohio Professionals Health Program (OhioPHP) is a contracted monitoring organization.

- Contact OhioPHP: (614) 841-9690 or info@ohiophp.org
- Website: www.ohiophp.org

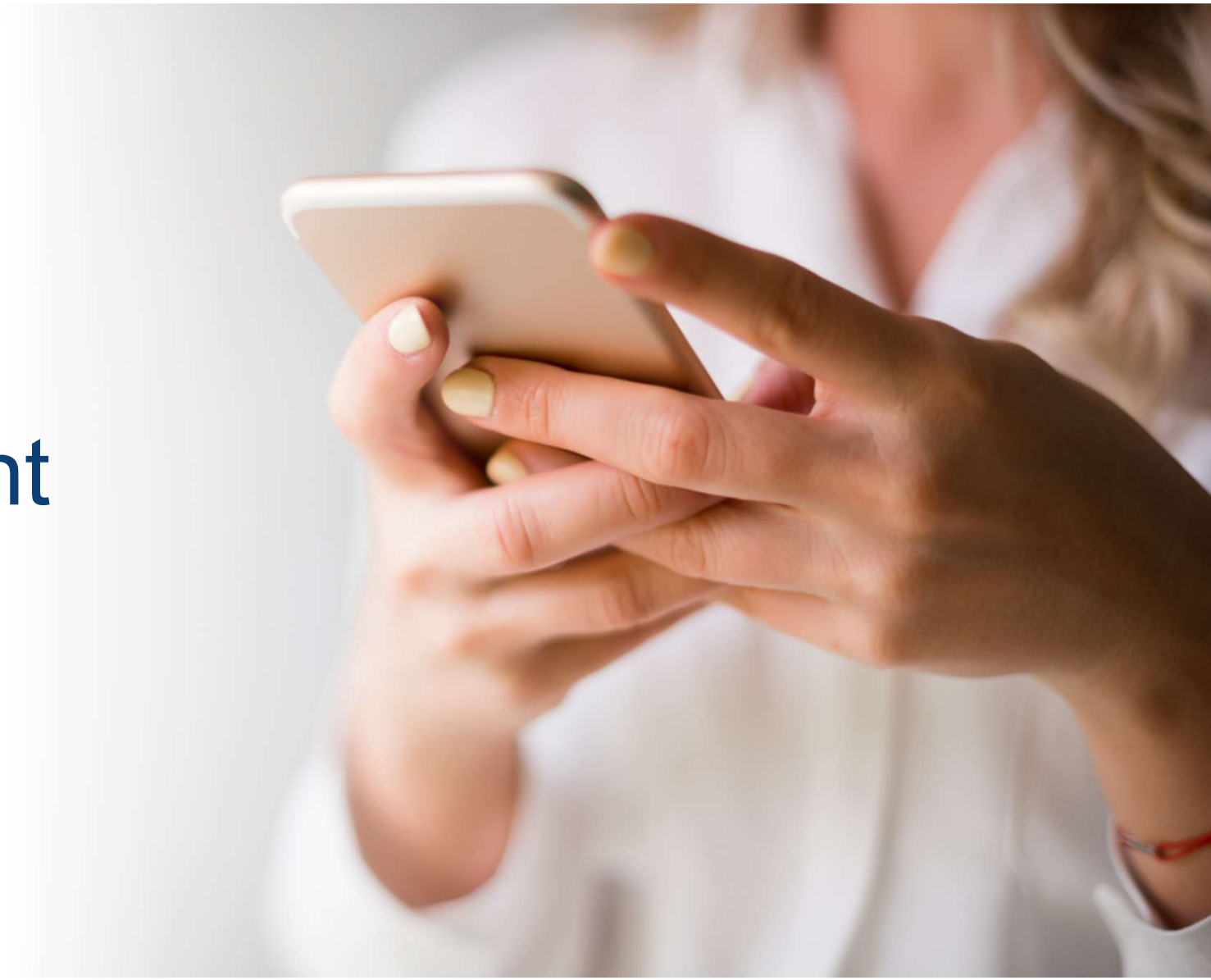
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# Provider Wellness

- For Provider Wellness resources, visit med.ohio.gov:
  - Mental health
  - Addiction recovery
  - Stress management



# Complaint Process



# What is a complaint?

- Any allegation of licensee misconduct received by the Medical Board
- The board received 7,423 complaints in FY26.
- All complaints are confidential.



# Medical Board Investigations

Ohio law makes complaints received by the Medical Board and board investigations confidential.

The board may only share investigative information with law enforcement agencies, other licensing boards, or other governmental agencies that are prosecuting, adjudicating or investigating alleged violations of statutes or rules.

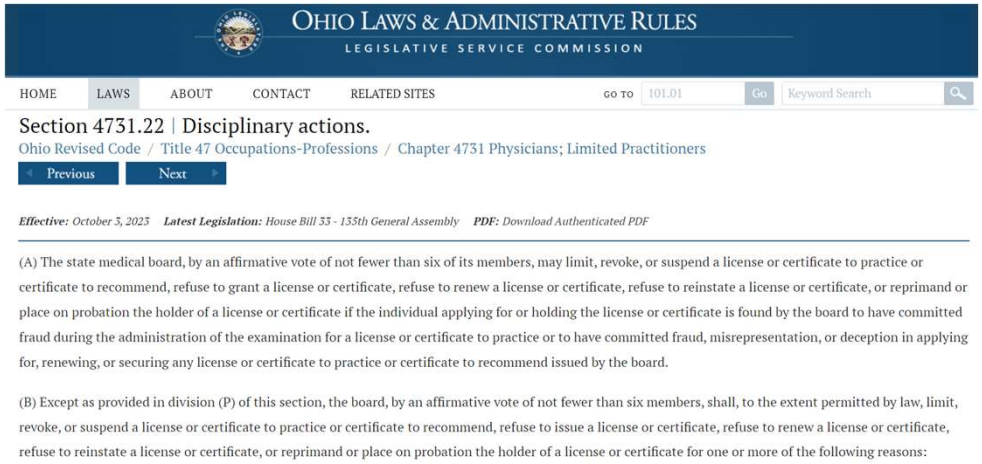
Board disciplinary actions are public record – posted on med.ohio.gov and licensee profile on elicense.ohio.gov.

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# Disciplinary Actions

Ohio statute identifies grounds for board disciplinary action.

**Board action examples:**
dismissal, reprimand, suspension, probation, permanent revocation, etc.



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Section 4731.22 | Disciplinary actions.

Ohio Revised Code / Title 47 Occupations-Professions / Chapter 4731 Physicians; Limited Practitioners

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*Effective:* October 3, 2023 *Latest Legislation:* House Bill 33 - 135th General Assembly *PDF:* Download Authenticated PDF

(A) The state medical board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six of its members, may limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to grant a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate if the individual applying for or holding the license or certificate is found by the board to have committed fraud during the administration of the examination for a license or certificate to practice or to have committed fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for, renewing, or securing any license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend issued by the board.

(B) Except as provided in division (P) of this section, the board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend a license or certificate to practice or certificate to recommend, refuse to issue a license or certificate, refuse to renew a license or certificate, refuse to reinstate a license or certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a license or certificate for one or more of the following reasons:

ORC 4731.22

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# Examples of Common Violations

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Sexual Misconduct | Inappropriate prescribing or impairment | Criminal actions/other board actions |
| Fraudulent misrepresentation in the course of practice | Patient privacy | Education and training |

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# Sexual Misconduct

# Sexual Misconduct Definition

OAC 4731-26-01 definition:

“conduct that exploits the licensee-patient relationship in a sexual way, whether verbal or physical, and may include the expression of thoughts, feelings, or gestures that are sexual or that reasonably may be construed by a patient as sexual. Sexual misconduct includes sexual impropriety, sexual contact, or sexual interaction”

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# Sexual Misconduct Continued

- Making comments that are not clinically relevant about or to the patient, including but not limited to, making sexual comments about a patient's body or underclothing, making sexualized or sexually demeaning comments to a patient, criticizing the patient's sexual orientation, or making comments about potential sexual performance
- Soliciting a date or romantic relationship with a patient
- Kissing in a romantic or sexual manner
- Offering to provide health care services, such as drugs, in exchange for sexual favors
- Failing to properly drape

And Any Other Behavior that is Defined in OAC 4731-26

# Senate Bill 109

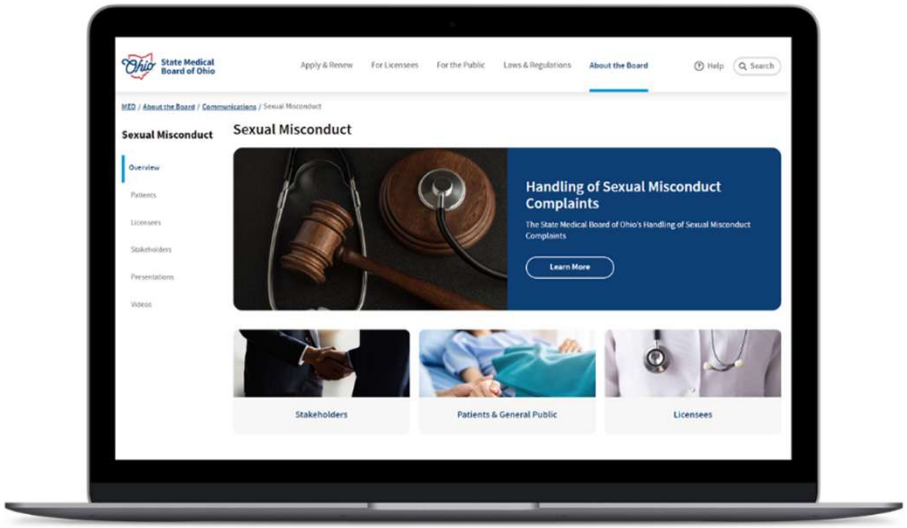
In December 2024, Governor DeWine signed Senate Bill 109 into law, significantly strengthening the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio to hold sexually abusive medical professionals accountable. SB109:

- Makes changes to the criminal code
- Increases reporting requirements
- Authorizes another use of summary suspension
- Provides additional transparency



# Sexual Misconduct Page

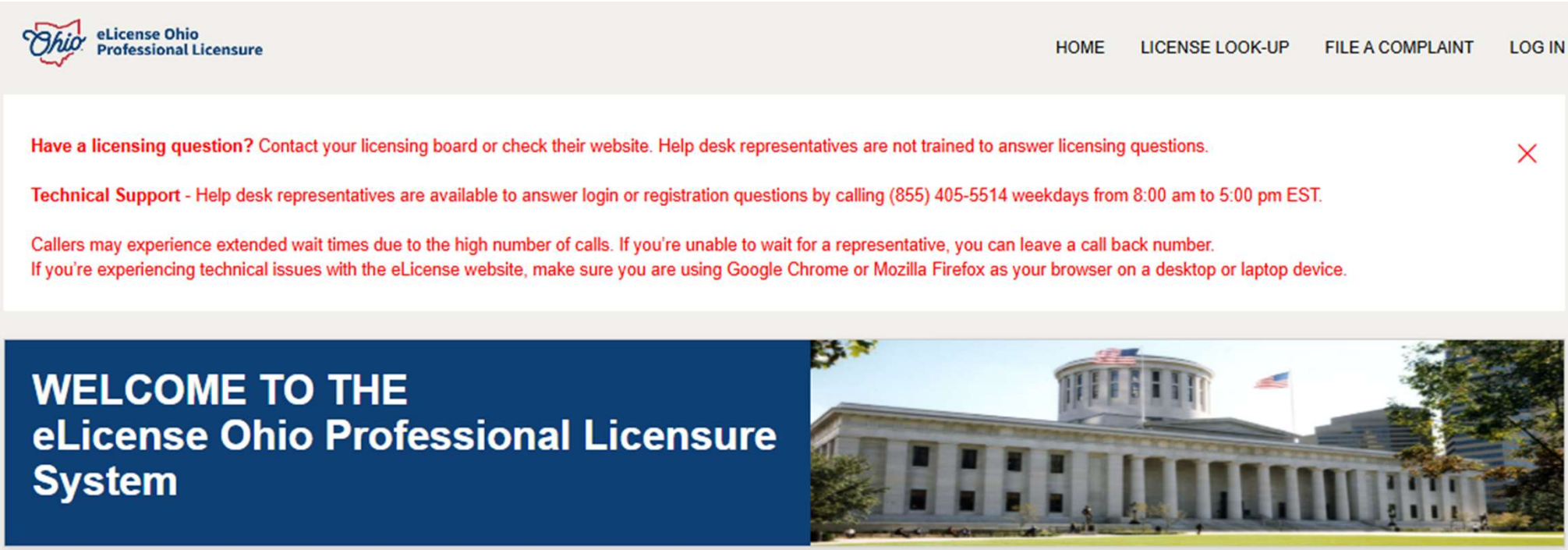
The Medical Board launched a resource page to help complainants navigate sexual misconduct issues. Visitors will find various resources targeted at stakeholders, patients and the general public, and licensees.




These resources include:

- Presentations
- Videos
- Sexual Misconduct Data
- Human Trafficking information

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# Filing a Complaint

med.ohio.gov

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# Scam Alert Reminder

- Reports of spoofing and extortion scams targeting Ohio providers include:
  - Calls from someone posing as Medical Board staff
  - Faxes using SMBO letterhead
  - Claims a provider is being investigated by the FBI or DEA and their license is suspended
  - Claims a fine is owed immediately

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# Remember

Investigators **will not** ask for fine payment or personal/sensitive information over the phone and **will never** contact licensees via fax.



# Other Board Priorities



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# Duty to Report

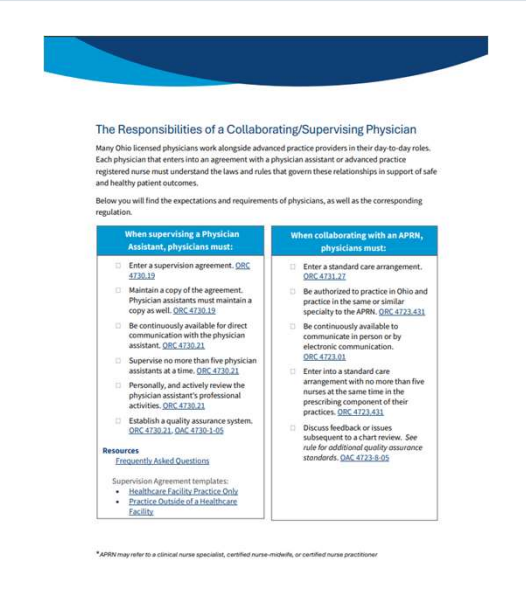
Licensees have a personal duty to report to the State Medical Board of Ohio when they suspect an individual licensed by the Board has violated the Board's laws or rules including **sexual misconduct, impairment, practice below the minimal standards of care**, and **improper prescribing of controlled substances**.

Reports of misconduct to supervisors, law enforcement or health care system management do **NOT** fulfill the duty to report to the Board; failure to report could result in formal disciplinary action.

# Emerging Practices Trend Committee

- The board created the EPT committee to discuss trends in medicine that may require board attention. The committee meets on board meeting days and is comprised of board members.
- The committee hears from experts, discusses potential rule and policy changes, and evaluates pending legislation that affects board regulation.





The Responsibilities of a Collaborating/Supervising Physician

Many Ohio licensed physicians work alongside advanced practice providers in their day-to-day roles. Each physician that enters into an agreement with a physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse must understand the laws and rules that govern these relationships in support of safe and healthy patient outcomes.

Below you will find the expectations and requirements of physicians, as well as the corresponding regulation.

**When supervising a Physician Assistant, physicians must:**

- Enter a supervision agreement. ORC 4730.19
- Maintain a copy of the agreement. Physician assistants must maintain a copy as well. ORC 4730.19
- Be continuously available for direct communication with the physician assistant. ORC 4730.21
- Supervise no more than five physician assistants at a time. ORC 4730.21
- Personally, and actively review the physician assistant's professional activities. ORC 4730.21
- Establish a quality assurance system. ORC 4730.21, OAC 4730-1-05

**When collaborating with an APRN, physicians must:**

- Enter a standard care arrangement. ORC 4731.27
- Be authorized to practice in Ohio and practice in the same or similar specialty to the APRN. ORC 4723.431
- Be continuously available to communicate in person or by electronic communication. ORC 4723.01
- Enter into a standard care arrangement with no more than five nurses at the same time in the prescribing component of their practices. ORC 4723.431
- Discuss feedback or issues subsequent to a chart review. *See rule for additional quality assurance standards.* OAC 4723-9-05

**Resources**

Frequently Asked Questions

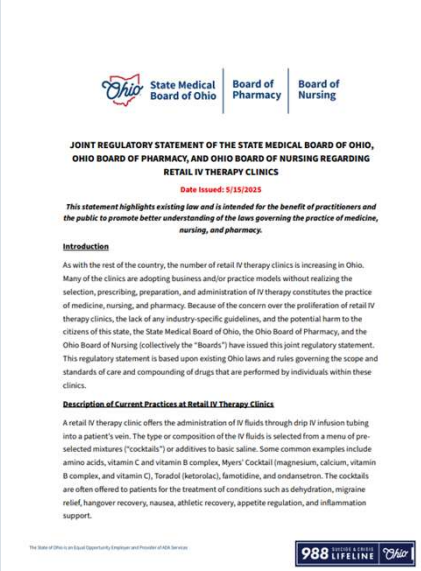
Supervision Agreement templates:

- Healthcare Facility Practice Only
- Practice Outside of a Healthcare Facility

*APRN may refer to a clinical nurse specialist, certified nurse-midwife, or certified nurse practitioner





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**JOINT REGULATORY STATEMENT OF THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO, OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY, AND OHIO BOARD OF NURSING REGARDING RETAIL IV THERAPY CLINICS**

**Date Issued: 5/15/2025**

***This statement highlights existing law and is intended for the benefit of practitioners and the public to promote better understanding of the laws governing the practice of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy.***

**Introduction**

As with the rest of the country, the number of retail IV therapy clinics is increasing in Ohio. Many of the clinics are adopting business and/or practice models without realizing the selection, prescribing, preparation, and administration of IV therapy constitutes the practice of medicine, nursing, and pharmacy. Because of the concern over the proliferation of retail IV therapy clinics, the lack of any industry-specific guidelines, and the potential harm to the citizens of this state, the State Medical Board of Ohio, the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, and the Ohio Board of Nursing (collectively the "Boards") have issued this joint regulatory statement. This regulatory statement is based upon existing Ohio laws and rules governing the scope and standards of care and compounding of drugs that are performed by individuals within these clinics.

**Description of Current Practices at Retail IV Therapy Clinics**

A retail IV therapy clinic offers the administration of IV fluids through drip IV infusion tubing into a patient's vein. The type or composition of the IV fluids is selected from a menu of pre-selected mixtures ("cocktails") or additives to basic saline. Some common examples include amino acids, vitamin C and vitamin B complex, Myers' Cocktail (magnesium, calcium, vitamin B complex, and vitamin C), Toradol (ketorolac), famotidine, and ondansetron. The cocktails are often offered to patients for the treatment of conditions such as dehydration, migraine relief, hangover recovery, nausea, athletic recovery, appetite regulation, and inflammation support.

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# Emerging Practice Trends Committee

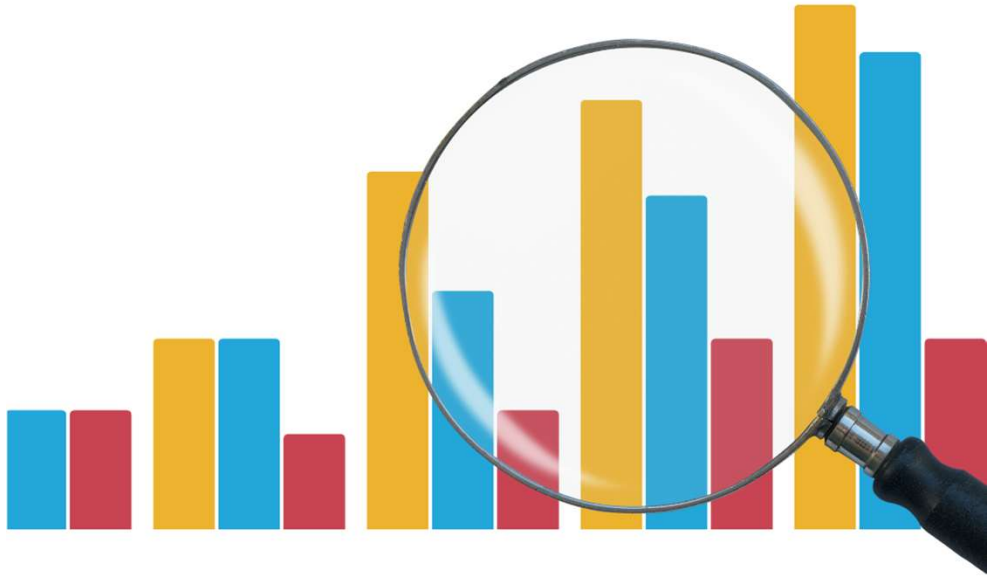
The committee has discussed telehealth, ketamine, IV hydration clinics, hyperbaric chambers, and supervision of PAs and APRNs, internationally trained physicians, office-based surgery rules, and stimulant prescribing.

The board published a Joint Regulatory Statement regarding retail IV therapy clinics in collaboration with the Ohio Board of Nursing and Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

# Transparency

The Medical Board continues to provide increased transparency to the public including reported data for the number of submitted and closed complaints, citations and settlement agreements and allegations of licensee misconduct for a calendar year.

To view the Transparency page, visit med.ohio.gov and click the tab “For the Public.”



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